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Chevron Resources Company
Manila Star Route
Vernal, Utah 84078

Gentlemen:

Re: Chevron Resources Company ACT/047/007

I have been informed that the National Wildlife Federation is receiving nominations for an Environmental Achievement Award for mining reclamation work.

I recently evaluated, with Mr. Bruce E. Gilbert, Environmental Supervisor for Chevron Resources Vernal Phosphate Operations, the reclamation work completed there the past three to four years. I was pleased to find that the vegetative ground cover on these reclaimed areas averaged 31 percent, whereas the pre-mining ground cover averaged only 22 percent. Also, these reclaimed areas, with their high legume composition, are preferred areas for deer and elk grazing. Photos of the reclaimed areas, taken May 12, 1987, are enclosed.

Chevron Resources has a very good program of concurrently reclaiming as they mine, rather than waiting until the mine is completed; thus the time the land is unproductive is greatly lessened. They also took it upon themselves to reclaim all the disturbed area within their operation, even though some of them pre-dated the 1977 Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

For these efforts, I add my support, and think it would be most appropriate for Chevron Resources, Vernal Phosphate Operations, to receive a National Wildlife Federation award for mining reclamation.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Jensen
Soils Reclamation Specialist

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Attachments
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Attachment

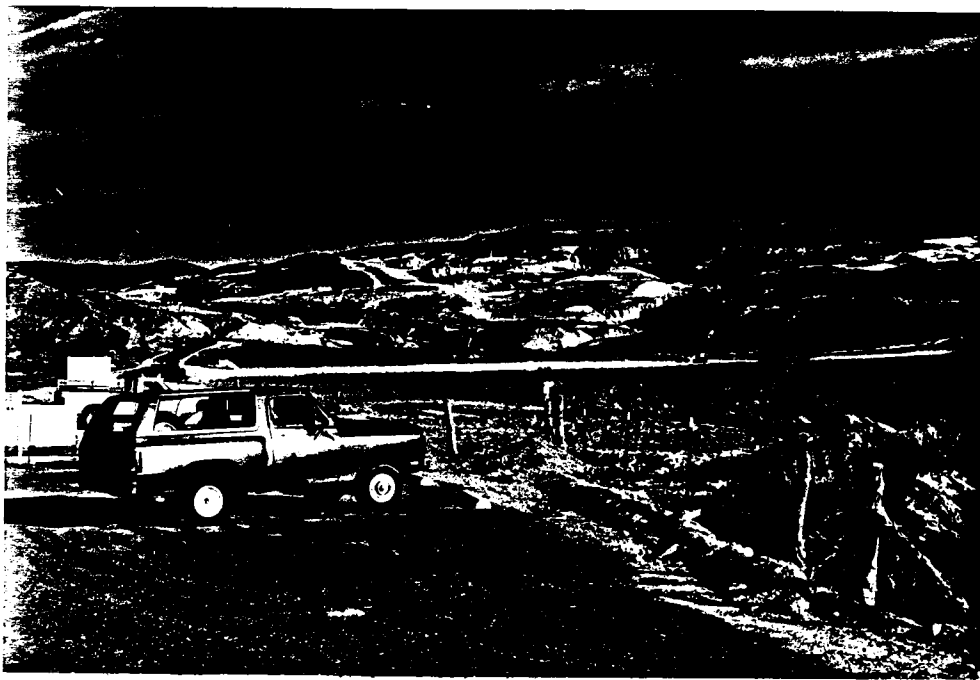


Photo #1 - Chevron Resources Company, Phosphate Operation near Vernal, Utah - May 12, 1987.



Photo #2 - Transect #1 - Reclaimed area - Note the high percentage of legumes (alfalfa and milkvetch) in the vegetative mixture.
(Mr. Bruce . Gilbert in photograph.)

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Photo #3 - Transect #2 - Reclaimed area

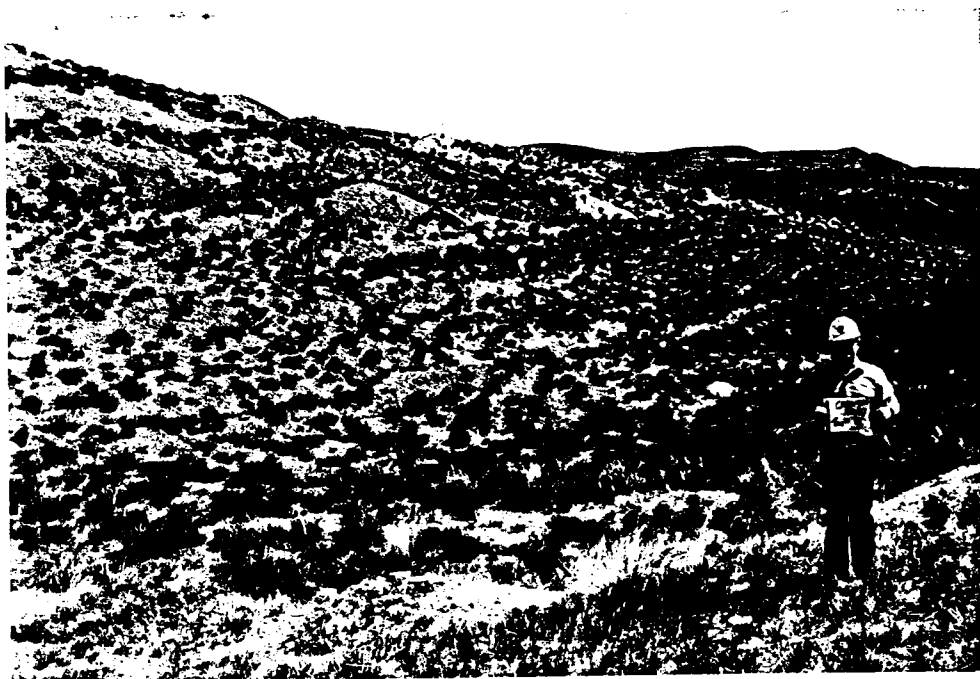


Photo #4 - Transect #3 - Reclaimed area

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Photo #5 - Transect #4 - Reclaimed area



Photo #6 - Transect #5 - Reclaimed area